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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

09/124,925

Group Art Unit: 1745

Applicant:

Koichi ASHIZAWA et al.

Examiner: T. Dove

Filed:

July 29, 1998

Attorney Docket: ASHI3001/FJD

Title: (As Amended) CURRENT COLLECTOR WITH PENETRATING HOLES OF COMPLICATED SHAPE FOR USE IN A SECONDARY BATTERY AND MANUFACTURING PROCESS THEREOF

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Your Petitioner respectfully requests that the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181(f), i.e., the two-month rule, be suspended to allow Applicant to file the PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181, attached hereto.

A NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT was issued on August 27, 2001 and is discussed in the PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181, submitted concurrently herewith.

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It is respectfully submitted that the NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT was issued in error which has necessitation the PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181. A waiver of the two-month rule is necessary so that the matter can be addressed in accordance with the supervisory authority granted under 37 CFR 1.181.

The required fee of \$130.00 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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